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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Systems Analysis
Staff, DDA

25X1 FROM :
Associate Director-Management, NFAC

SUBJECT : Classification Waiver Request

REFERENCE : Memo from Associate Deputy Director
for Administration, dtd 19 Sept 78,
to Multiple Add'ees

NFAC requests a waiver from the portion classification requirement of E.O. 12065 for the following publications:

(1) The President's Daily Brief. This publication is read only by the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the President's Assistant for National Security. Many diverse sources are used to compose the contents, often under extreme deadline pressure late at night. The few recipients have no need to be informed of the separate classifications, if any, of the component parts. The classification of material in the PDB is not used as the basis for classifying other documents.

(2) National Intelligence Estimates. The nature of these documents, as much as the sources of the component parts, often determines the classification. NIEs represent the judgments of the DCI and the Intelligence Community, and have security significance as such. Portion classification could therefore be misleading: components would bear a classification either reflecting only the source material but not the significance of the conclusion drawn or, conversely, reflecting the

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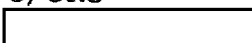
judgment but implying that the source material dictated the classification. The NIEs are disseminated to a restricted elite list of customers, depending on the subject and any special controls. Judgments and information in NIEs may form a basis for classifying other documents such as NSC studies.

(3) Certain short deadline papers.
On occasion, it is necessary for NFAC to prepare short analytical papers or biographic profiles for policymakers who set deadlines of only a few hours. Rechecking sources of individual elements to separately classify portions could imperil our meeting the requests on time. Such papers are targeted to a few designated consumers--sometimes only one--and would rarely be the basis for classification of other documents.



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